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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PINT, PORS, GY, US

SUBJECT: GOG REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF TEAR GAS GRENADES

REFS: (A) STATE 119942 (B) GEORGETOWN 1576
(C) STATE 138939

1. GUYANESE AMBASSADOR MANN CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHELTON TODAY ASKING FOR PROMPT ACTION ON GUYANESE POLICE REQUEST TO PURCHASE 13,000 TEAR GAS GRENADES AND PROJECTILES (REFTEL A). MANN STATED THAT MATERIEL WAS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR RIOT CONTROL. HOWEVER, WHEN ASKED AS TO WHETHER THIS REQUEST WAS A REFLECTION OF GOG'S CONCERN WITH POSSIBLE VIOLENCE IN CONNECTION WITH REFERENDUM, HE REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT THAT THERE WOULD BE VIOLENCE.

2. SHELTON POINTED OUT TO AMBASSADOR MANN DEPARTMENT'S CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCERN ON MATTER ALONG LINES OUTLINED IN REFTTEL A. DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED OVER HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN GUYANA.

3. DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF SUGGESTING TO MANN THAT GUYANESE GOVERNMENT APPLY FOR SMALLER QUANTITY -- POSSIBLY 1/3 OF PRESENT AMOUNT -- WITH BALANCE

OF ORDER TO BE APPLIED FOR WITHIN A FEW MONTHS. THIS
WOULD GIVE DEPARTMENT AN APPROPRIATE TIME FRAME WITHIN
WHICH TO REVIEW HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AND GOG'S USE OF
MATERIEL WILL BE IDENTIFIABLE.

4. IN VIEW OF MANN'S STRESS ON URGENCY OF DECISION,
SHELTON PROMISED MANN THAT SHE WOULD HAVE A REPLY BY
FRIDAY. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A.S.A.P.
EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS ON WHETHER SMALLER SALE WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. DEPARTMENT
WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF LIKELIHOOD
OF RIOTING AND VIOLENCE WHICH WOULD REQUIRE USE OF TEAR
GAS. VANCE

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